

COMMON IMPRESSION THAT MASSACRE IS CERTAIN.

So common is the impression now that the massacre will be repeated that the more enlightened of the lower classes seek to absent themselves during its perpetration.

Your correspondent, pursuing his independent investigations, discreetly asked a Christian merchant what was the feeling among his workmen toward the Jews. Said the merchant:

"I am sure all good and respectable will value his days. To







# BOTH SIDES ARE READY FOR THE CONFLICT

Russia and Japan Working With Every Energy to Gain the First Advantages in the War That Europe Now Regards as Inevitable

## INDICATIONS OF COMING CLASH SEEN IN EVERY MOVEMENT

Russia Hurrying Men and Ships to Port Arthur, While Japan Has a War Fleet With Steam Up Ready to Engage the Enemy the Moment the Signal Is Given

Special Cable to the Post-Dispatch. LONDON, Dec. 25.—Both Russia and Japan are tending every energy to be ready for war. War may not come, but each nation is striving to be prepared for what the rest of the world has come to regard as inevitable.

Signs of war are seen in every dispatch that comes from St. Petersburg and Tokyo. Here are some of the significant facts:

Japan gave Russia only two weeks in which to answer her last note.

Russian diplomats insist that Russia's proposals were so liberal that it is scarcely probable to conceive of any further concessions.

Japan has chartered for the conveyance of supplies six ships of Shanghai. The Sixth army division, now at the garrison city of Kumamoto, is awaiting orders to proceed to Korea.

The Japanese government has placed orders for large quantities of pig lead with New South Wales concerns. This lead will be used for the manufacture of bullets.

Russia is hurrying military forces through Siberia for Port Arthur, and a large fleet of warships is on the way to the same port.

Naval and military officers are leaving the European capitals.

For the far East in anticipation of a conflict between Russia and Japan. England has already a number of representatives preparing to sail.

British experts, both naval and military, believe that the Japanese will not only win important early victories, but will follow up their advantages so vigorously that Russia will be forced to yield the points which the Mikado's government declines to debate.

The opinion prevails that Japan can clear the seas of formidable Russian opposition in a few engagements and thereafter possess the advantage of a shorter, simpler and safer line of communication than her adversary.

Provisions and other stores are being hurriedly taken in by the British squadron at Hong Kong, which is ready to sail at a moment's notice.

At Tokyo 400 of the Mikado's warships, with steam up and bristling with guns, are ready to sail. The instant that news is received that Japan has decided to take the aggressive the fleet will start for Russia's Asiatic ports.

The whole island has been drawn upon for troops, and Japan can today put 150,000 well-equipped men in the field.

## JAPAN TRYING TO BUY TWO CHILIAN WARSHIPS

LONDON, Dec. 25.—Japan is negotiating for the purchase of two Chilean warships, the armored cruiser Esmeralda and another, probably the battleship Captain Prat, which are for sale. It is now only a matter of price. Negotiations with other South American governments for the purchase of warships are also in progress.

Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister to Great Britain, said to a representative of the Associated Press today, relative to these negotiations: "We want more ships. Of course, this is only a precautionary measure and it may be a lot of expense all for nothing."

"I have no indication of the nature of the Russian reply. Personally, I scarcely expect it will be delivered for some little time."

Asked about the dispatch from Berlin of Dec. 24, saying the British government had represented to the czar that Great Britain "demanded" Japan's demands just and earnestly expected that Russia would grant them," Baron Hayashi, while he was not aware of the precise action taken by Great Britain at St. Petersburg, said:

"The British government is well aware that Japan will be obliged to go to war unless Russia modifies the position she has taken up in her last note."

At the foreign office here nothing is yet known of the probable nature of the Russian reply.

# PUGILISM YOUNG CORBETT IS READY FOR HIS BATTLE

Says He Is in Condition to Make Weight Easily for Championship Fight With Hanlon

BY YOUNG CORBETT. I weighed 125 1/2 pounds yesterday, or exactly what I weighed the morning of the day I last fought Hanlon. On that occasion I made 120 pounds ringside. I have four days to take off practically four pounds, which is a simple matter. Besides I will be from 6 to 10 p. m. to take on flesh and get food into me. I will be in my best condition when I face Hanlon next Tuesday.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 25.—Talk of Young Corbett's failure to make weight was hushed after yesterday's exhibition and weighing in at the champion's quarters.

Two days ago Corbett scaled almost 135 pounds. Yesterday he weighed in before newspaper men at 122 1/2, and said he could be lower if he had cared to come down rapidly.

Corbett's weight is now within easy reach of the condition called for in the articles of agreement—120 pounds at 6 p. m.

A big reception was held at the training quarters prior to his weighing in, and a crowd witnessed Corbett's operations as he boxed with Monte Attell, did stunts with Billy Otis and skipped the rope to old Irish tunes.

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ENKINS SEEKS WORLD'S WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIP

Has Been Matched to Meet the Giant Hagenschmidt in London, in Near Future

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—Tom Jenkins, America's wrestling champion, has virtue of his recent defeat of Dan McLeod in this city, is going after still higher honors. Jenkins now seeks the world's championship title, and to this end has been matched with Wrestler Hagenschmidt, the Swedish mat artist.

The bout will take place in London, Eng., in a few weeks.

Jenkins once before wrestled for the world's title and lost to Nourouhah the Egyptian Turk, who was his opponent and Jenkins was no match for the big foreigner. Nourouhah's retirement from the mat leaves the title again open to dispute.

Scientifically, Jenkins is without a peer on the mat. His skill and quickness has won him many bouts. He is much lighter than most of the foreigners sent over here to take the championship home. Nourouhah is the only one of these who has yet triumphed over the American. His victory was due to his tremendous size.

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Griffin Meets Otto Siefeloff.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 25.—Griffin, who has won the title from the ring for so long, has an even break in the betting on tonight's fight, in which he and Otto Siefeloff are to be principals. Reports have it that Griffin has recovered much of the speed and endurance that made him nearly invincible when he was at his best.

Bowling Scores.

Merchants' League—Dellon 2, Roeders 2; Roeders 2, Fishers 0.

Heavyweight Fatally Shot.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 25.—A Christmas fight resulted in the fatal shooting of Mike McDonnell, the negro heavyweight pugilist. W. H. Atkins, a negro, is under arrest.

Football Scores.

Lawton, O. T.—Lawton, 23; Apache Indians, 6; Guthrie, 12; Arkansas City, 11.

Football Game Postponed.

Wagner permitting, the football game between the Hawks and the All-Stars will be played New Year's Day. The game was postponed because of the storm which reached the American League park and the ball was all but blown out of the lot. The game was postponed and money refunded to the spectators.

Chester Goodwin Is Ambitious.

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—Chester Goodwin has issued a defy to the world of little men who may be ambitious for ring honors. Steve Mahoney, Goodwin's manager, says he has \$500 posted for a match with any man in the world at 125 pounds or with Frankie O'Neil at 130 pounds, for the bantamweight title.

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It was skill and team work against individual and individual playing. The skill and team work won by a score of 24 to 6. The All-California team started things with a rush, and it looked like it would soon be all over. But the Carlisle team, led by Capt. Johnson, was not to be so easily defeated. They fought back and then the ball went spinning toward the California goal. It was never stopped.

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